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Representative Quang Nguyen Secures \$2.4 Million to Support Veterans Housing in Yavapai County

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – On the Department of Veterans Affairs' Fort Whipple campus in Prescott yesterday, State Representative Quang Nguyen participated in the presentation of a ceremonial check for \$2.4 million in new state funding for a supportive housing project to assist homeless veterans. Representative Nguyen secured the funding in the recently passed state budget.

"America's veterans have given so much of themselves to protect our freedoms and way of life, it's important that we do everything we can to support them," said Representative Nguyen. "This funding is going to help realize an amazing project for our veterans in Yavapai County, providing housing support and other critical services for those who have served and are in need."

The project, which is led by <u>U.S.VETS</u>, will convert historic officer quarters and build 103 new housing units on the Fort Whipple campus for elderly and at-risk veterans experiencing homelessness. The campus will also offer supportive services, including case management, counseling, workforce development, and healthcare in partnership with the VA, and ensure expanded services for veterans in the community. Construction is set to begin next summer with a targeted opening date of July 2024.

In an announcement from the organization today, Carole Benedict, executive director of U.S.VETS-Prescott, stated "This investment demonstrates that Representative Nguyen recognizes the urgency of our need to help our veterans, who have been especially hard hit by the shortage of affordable housing. We are grateful for his advocacy on behalf of the veterans in our community. This funding will help us provide a home and a stable future for our vulnerable senior veterans who need a safe place to live."

A photo of today's presentation is attached.

Quang Nguyen is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 1, which includes Prescott, and portions of Yavapai and Maricopa Counties. Follow him on Twitter at @QuangNguyenAZ.

